BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

In the Matter of		PETITION TO INTERVENE		
petitions to interve is provided:	ene in this proceeding	ng. In support of this petition, the following		
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2a. The petitioner \square will \boxtimes will not be represented by counsel in this proceeding. The contact information for petitioner's counsel to be included on the service list is:				
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3. If the petitioner is an organization, the number of members in and the purposes of the organization:

Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) is the State Association for Oregon's Community Action network of 17 Community Action Agencies and Oregon Human Development Corporation, a statewide agency serving farmworkers.

List of Members attached

4. The nature and extent of the Petitioner's interest in the proceeding is:

CAPO delivers federal, state, utility, and local energy assistance programs. These programs make up a portion of the essential services that we provide low-income Oregonians, which also includes but is not limited to housing, food, and transportation services. Our agencies package low-income programs to lift low-income clients from poverty to create self-sufficiency. This model relys heavily on energy assistance particiaption. Each year, the agencies serve over 100,000 Oregonians, many of these clients arrive at an agency seeking energy assistance. The Oregon low-income Gas Assistance program, otherwise known as OLGA, is an energy assistance program delivered by Community Action agencies and funded by NWN. A rate increase will directly impact the agencies in two primary ways: 1) An increase will increase agency budgets - the funding is based off of a percentage charged to residential ratepayers 2) However, rising bills will increase energy assistance payments - reducing the amount of clients that can be served. The rate increase directly impacts Community Action budget and operations.

Further, NWN has long neglected the energy assistnace programs. Company policies disadvantage community of color and migrant workers, requring burdensome documentation requirements.

CAPO seeks to adminster the low-inome programs. Commissions across the country have removed low-income programs from utility adminstration because there is an inherent conflict in utility adminstration. In Oregon, policy-makers decided that there was a conflict for utilities to deliver energy efficiency programs, then decided to move those programs to the Energy Trust of Oregon. To the detriment to low-income Oregonians, the programs were left at the utility. CAPO are the low-income experts and should adminster low-income programs, a request of the ETO model and the CEP model. Those organizations were awarded

programs from this commission. CAPO seeks the same treatment. NWN has long abandoned principle in delivering the programs to serve their own interest. Now, in a pandmic, they continue to ignore the low-income experts as we beg for changes to help those struggling through this difficult time. It's long overdue for the commission to move the program administration of these programs to where they belong: with low-income experts.

- 5. The issues the Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding are:
 - Adminstration of the low-income assistance and weatherization programs
 - An increase in funding for low-income programs in parity with electric programs
 - Updated low-income requirements
 - What is the necessity of raising rates during the beginning of a recession
- 6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioner that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceeding is:

CAPO has deep understanding of low-income energy assistance and low-income energy efficiency programs.

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, I request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. I or the organization that I represent will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. OAR 860-001-0300.

Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

5-13-20 Date Signed



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